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## WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—For Lower Michigan: Local rains, followed by generally fair weather during the day; westerly winds; colder in northern portion.

## ABOUT HAWAII.

Whatever may have been the motives of the persons responsible for the overthrow of the Hawaiian government and who made haste to ask for a temporary United States protectorate, the gravity of the questions involved in the proposal of annexation will command the utmost caution before a decisive treaty shall be negotiated.

The withdrawal from the senate of the proposed treaty with representatives of the provisional government of Hawaii, by President Cleveland, is a natural sequence to the somewhat hasty and excited action incident to its original preparation. The accession of that remote island may be desirable to give this government a valuable strategic point in the Pacific, but it is not so desirable that we can afford to assume responsibility for the settlement of its internal dissensions without first learning the extent and nature of our obligations.

When the subject was first brought to public notice THE HERALD demurred from the clamor for immediate annexation. Subsequent events have fully confirmed the conviction that Hawaii is infinitely more valuable to the United States as a neutral monarchy or republic than as a dependency. In case of war requiring the interference of the navy Hawaii would afford us no other advantage than as a mere coaling station. If the natives of other countries were strong enough to whip us without it, they certainly would be strong enough to take it from us. If neutral it would afford a refuge, that would be closed if it were captured. In the present advanced armament of the navy we need no such advantage.

As a commercial and political possession the value of the island is in no way commensurate with the expense its enlightened government would entail.

## NONPARTISAN JUDGE.

To elevate the Kent circuit above partisanship there should be no suggestion of politics in the preliminary campaign. To ask that one democrat be elected to offset one republican is confounding that a democrat politician is necessary to check the partisan tendencies of a republican politician. To elect one from each party, therefore, the rankest kind of partisanship would be secured.

To remove all manner of doubt as to the political status of the court the democrats have declared that Judge Groves is a model of impartiality and judicial integrity. He will be duly elected, of course, and in his election the nonpartisanship so fervently prayed for by the democrats will be secured. Judge Groves is in every essential respect satisfactory to republicans and democrats alike.

When it comes to Judge Adelt, his politics are obnoxious to republicans, but very satisfactory to democrats. The reasons for his preference are obvious. If a democrat nonpartisan judge is good, a republican nonpartisan judge is better. The highest form of nonpartisanship is found in Judge Groves. The republicans believe Moses Taggart is his equal, and that Judge Adelt is not. Therefore they will elect Moses Taggart.

## CHURCH TAXATION.

There will be an effort made to forestall the passage of the Greulich bill for the taxation of church, educational and charitable institutions. Such an effort will be largely gratuitous for the bill stands a very poor chance of ever getting out of the hands of the committee to which it was referred.

It is unnecessary to discuss the abstract features of the bill. In brief it would tax donations, gifts and bequests, made not for personal gain or aggrandizement, but primarily for the public good. As well might the legislature say to the philanthropist, if you give to the poor, you must pay the state a tax on each specific gift. The bill would make legacies and moneys of every man in whose heart dwells the milk of human kindness.

Perhaps such a law would be justifiable in states where church corporations acquire and possess property for commercial purposes, like Trinity church in New York; but in Michigan we have no such institution and there is likely to be none. The churches of Michigan represent the voluntary contributions of generous taxpayers. Their existence or non-existence neither adds nor takes from the value of other property, except as morality makes better and more reliable citizenship.

Beaches this the law is essentially bad

in theory. It would still further multiply the evils of indiscriminate taxation. The trend of economic is toward a simplification of the tax system. Every dollar imposed on the work of human mind and hands is a line on enterprise and industry. Instead of fostering and encouraging industry and thrift, our system of taxation retards the right of rewards and oppresses the ambitious purposes of the people. The time will come when taxation will resolve itself to a fixed and unalterable levy on land alone. There is not a church or charitable institution in Michigan which is not the product of human generosity and human ingenuity. To tax such a product would be an outrage.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

There is a bill before the legislature providing for the death penalty for murderers. The measure is a conservative one, requiring that the guilt of the offender shall be proved beyond reasonable doubt, and that the existence of a premeditated design must be shown. The great frequency of wilful murders in this state has made it apparent that our present system is inefficient to repress the crime and deter the criminal. The persons who have insisted that life imprisonment is adequate punishment are being gradually convinced to the contrary. A healthier sentiment on this subject is to be observed, and it is believed that the pending measure will meet general approval.

To give the convicted felon a chance to remove every last doubt of his innocence, the bill provides that after sentence of death shall be pronounced he shall be confined in prison for a term of three years. Then if the evidence of guilt remain unshaken, the wretch shall be hung by the neck until he is dead. This provision, intended to be humane, will inspire hope in the mind of the innocent, but in the mind of the guilty—who can picture the exquisite torture of three long years' preparation for the gallows? By all means let this bill find its way to the statute book, post haste.

## MORSE AND DON.

In their eagerness to obtain everything in sight, in the way of offices, the democrats are likely to lose the best places. It is represented that the unseemly scramble for the vacant United States judgeship will compel the president to ignore Michigan to give the appointment to some other state.

Without discussing the qualifications of the several aspirants it must be conceded that the honor belongs to Judge Morse. He has filled the highest judicial office in this state in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to the people. Without a single exception he is the most popular and beloved democrat in the state. Dickinson has had greater distinction, but Dickinson never received an honor from the people at the polls.

Morse was nominated for the vice presidency in the Chicago convention, and was supported by the Michigan delegation as a unit. He was nominated for governor and resigned his position on the supreme bench, to which he had been elected as a democrat to lead in a hopeless campaign. He received more votes than any other candidate for governor on the democrat ticket ever received. In the recent democrat state convention he was unanimously commended as entitled to any office in the gift of the administration.

He has expressed a choice for the circuit judgeship. If the other candidates had a spark of manhood they would withdraw in his favor. If Don M. Dickinson is true to the wishes of the democrat party of Michigan he will insist that Morse be given this office. He must either demonstrate his loyalty to Michigan or demonstrate that his influence with Mr. Cleveland is a myth. He cannot escape responsibility by pleading multiplicity of candidates.

The high place belongs to Michigan. Ex-President Harrison established this fact. If Don Dickinson will permit himself to forfeit the prize through unwillingness to execute the wishes of Michigan democracy, he must bear the brunt of an indignation that will be universal.

## PENSION REFORMS.

New York G. A. R. men have started a movement against the pension parasites. The Noah L. Farnham post has adopted resolutions to the effect that only the old soldiers and sailors who incurred wounds that render it impossible for them to earn a living, are entitled to call upon the government for support, and that others who are guilty of conduct that must injure the noble men that were willing to lay down their lives for their country without reward or hope of reward.

The pension laws of the United States have been grossly and outrageously abused. The men to regulate these gigantic impositions are the veterans themselves. They, above all others, know the sacrifices that were made. They fought the battles and know the cost of the victory. They know the want and deprivation they endured, and the years of suffering that, in many cases, have followed. They know the men that fought like heroes for their country's salvation, and the bounty jumpers that solicited only for the pecuniary reward.

The pension requests of the government, today, have reached a figure so great as to be almost inconceivable, and yet there are hundreds of worthy veterans who have never been able to obtain a dollar of public aid. Men that never smelted the smoke of battle are drawing quarterly pensions from the treasury for injuries they never received and for services they rendered. Others who sustained inconsequential wounds that have never in the least interfered with their earning a living, are accepting

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money from the government under pretenses that are false and unpatriotic. None appreciate this condition of affairs more than the old soldiers themselves. The Grand Army boys will take a firm stand in the matter. The man who accepts a pension that he does not need will be made to feel that he is prostituting his patriotism for a few paltry dollars. Then the veterans that deserve government assistance will get it, and to receive a pension will be an honor and a distinction instead of a reproach.

## CITY AFFAIRS.

Our city government was never in better shape, in all its departments, than now. The present administration has been conducted on strict business principles. Matters of concern to taxpayers have been disposed of with the public good in view rather than the political profit to the dominant party. The people will be called upon in a few days to pass judgment on the record made by the present administration. If economical methods and a dignified execution of them count in the minds of the majority, the republicans will be entrusted with the municipal government for the year to come.

The principal proposition which will confront the taxpayers is whether they prefer economy and honesty to extravagance and dishonesty. Upon such proposition the republicans will invite the intelligent verdict of the taxpayers. The city has passed beyond the era when the "half loaf will wet" is looked upon as the proper person to act as executive or administrative official. What is now demanded is sturdy honesty and irreproachable character.

Mayor Stuart has proved to be an exemplary mayor. Of quiet manners, scholarly attainments and firm convictions of right, he has been equal to every occasion, public and private, when required to act as the chief executive of the city. His messages to the council, and his rulings in that body, have been marked by broad and comprehensive intelligence. The taxpayers of the city have every reason to be proud of his splendid record, which fully vindicates the wisdom of their choice in electing him.

There is a decided issue of fact between Mr. McBride and Mr. Taggart. Under the circumstances it must be taken for granted that Mr. Taggart did not make use of the words imputed to him. Mr. McBride will try to prove an alibi, or something akin to it.

CAMBRIDGE university will send her great boat crew to this country to compete in the international eight-oared championship race at Detroit. The relative merits of the English and American institutions of learning will be decided for all time to come.

HENRY HAIN, secretary of the Michigan club, has compiled an exhaustive report on the history and membership of the club, including a verbatim report of the speeches made at the last banquet. The work is very creditably performed.

Every time a member of the French academy dies, Zola is a candidate for the vacancy. He will now attempt to gain the seat made vacant by the death of M. Taine. Zola is the Carter Harrison of French literature.

Our neighbor, The Democrat, utterly broken in spirit and bowed down with sorrow, bemoans the failure of the scheme to corral the independent thinking populists in the democrat non-partisan snap.

KING HUMBERT will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage to Margaret with regal pomp and silver splendor, consuming seven full days with the festivities. He will make things hum.

GROVER has declared that he will not appoint any persons that held office under his former administration. Had he made that an issue in the last campaign it is probable he would not appoint anybody.

ANDREW SCHAPIER, who has made a brilliant campaign for signatures to a petition to have him appointed surveyor of customs, will frame the artistic treasure and then sadly turn the picture to the wall.

THERE are signs that the torries will be unable to filibuster successfully against the second reading of the Home Rule bill. The party is without a leader who can marshal effective support.

GOVERNOR FLOWER has been reimbursed for the \$50,000 he advanced for Foxwell II's profane indifference to votes does not extend to dollars.

JOHN WANAMAKER says he is glad he lost money in the Reading deal. John is a good and holy man, but some of his statements have to be taken with a grain of salt.

GROVER's first week developed no particular evidence of greatness, but then he has 267 weeks remaining in which to do any amount of mischief.

ONE of the most prominent features of the Panama swindle investigation is the anxiety displayed for the safety of the real criminals.

MRS. MARY SMITH of New York is dead. This is important because she was the oldest woman in the city and admitted it.

GRAND river is having a high old time, bank or no bank. It is in order for somebody to suggest that it ought to be profaned.

O'DONNELL's petition is a foot thick. It compares favorably with the popular impression of O'Donnell's case.

BORECHIA has resigned from the French ministry. He was only a minion after all.

## RISE UP AGAINST IT

Local Churches Protest Against the Greulich Bill.

## OPPOSE CHURCH TAXATION

A Petition of Remonstrance Printed and Ready for Circulation Among the General Public.

Steps have been taken by leading members of local christian denominations to protest against the Greulich bill now before the state legislature providing for the taxation of churches, educational and charitable institutions. A petition of remonstrance has been printed for circulation among citizens without regard to church affiliation, and this week copies of it will be distributed. No action will be taken in the matter until after Bishop Gillespie reads his paper on "Church Taxation" before the pastors' conference Monday afternoon. The conference will be consulted about the matter, and if its members express themselves in favor of circulating the remonstrance it will be started at once. Following is a copy of the petition as it has been drawn:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

We, the undersigned citizens of this commonwealth, proud of the fair name of our state, petition your honorable body to make no change in existing laws, whereby churches, educational and charitable institutions are exempt from taxation; because the taxation of such property is contrary to the practice of all civilized countries, out of harmony with the generous spirit of our free institutions, and opposed to enlightened public policy.

Such legislation would tax the grandest moral power on earth; for the churches, educational and charitable institutions correct moral abuses, reform crime, raise the standard of morality, honesty and integrity higher, accomplish more for the good of society than all the prisons, asylums, police systems and courts of law, which you so willingly support at the expense of the state. These institutions, by enlightening the intelligence, molding the heart, inculcating sound principles, proposing powerful motives for right conduct and encouraging private beneficence, save the state millions of dollars.

The proposed legislation would tax religion and the worship of God; tax the spirit who votes for the most honest of knowledge; tax human misery, weakness and misfortune; tax the devotedness and self-sacrifice of those who wish to help their fellow-men. It would put religion on the same plane as commerce; put a premium on infidelity and unbelief; put the state in the hands of the most ignorant; tax human misery, weakness and misfortune; tax the devotedness and self-sacrifice of those who wish to help their fellow-men.

For these and many other valid reasons we are opposed to taxing church property, educational and charitable institutions.

## STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

The fact that the university has lost and will doubtless in the future lose some of our best men because of the low salaries paid, it would seem, should teach our legislature that if the present high standard of "the pride of the state" is to be maintained, it must not be dealt with in a parsimonious way. We trust the visit of the legislature this week will have the desired effect.—U. of M. Daily.

Ward McAllister has spoken: "I can safely aver that Mr. Cleveland can look forward to an honored position in New York society if he performs his social duties at Washington adequately." This is enough to drive the president into a retreat.—Detroit Free Press.

In his new capacity of envoy extraordinary, and minister plenipotentiary from Tammany to the court of St. Grover Senator Hill is likely to be drawn within the area of hypnotic influence and become an original Cleveland man.—Detroit Tribune.

It is worthy of note that there are no millionaires or men who raised large sums to carry the election in President Cleveland's cabinet. Brains, not money, were the basis of their appointment.—Bay City Times-Press.

It should not be forgotten that the appropriation of the last democrat congress exceeded that of the republicans "billion dollar" congress by \$38,404,800.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

A bald-headed religious sect in Asia preach that hair is sinful and kill long-haired people. Put them on the trail of Peffer and Padewski.—Muskegon Chronicle.

## POINTS ABOUT MEN.

The squadron which Russia is to send to our naval parade will call at Chertou or Brest as a compliment to the French government, and the ships are also to visit the duke of Edinburgh at Devonport. The squadron will be really commanded by Admiral Karnoff, but it is to be nominally under the command of Grand Duke Alexis, lord high admiral of Russia; and among the officers will be Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, who is betrothed to Grand Duchess Xenia, eldest daughter of the czar.

Gordon McKay, who has announced his intention of leaving the great fortune which his shoe machines have brought him to Harvard university, is said, while up to Franz Joseph, to be a shoe-maker and was himself brought up to the bench. He has produced several works.

Peary will have a rival in arctic exploration this coming summer in Fredrick Jackson, who takes a British party up to Franz Joseph Land and who thinks he will take the land up to the 84th parallel of latitude, possibly farther. Thence he proposes to proceed in dog sledges.

M. Godefroy Cavaignac, who has recently risen into prominence in the French chamber of deputies through a speech on the Panama scandal, is a reserved, cautious, and even unpopular sort of man. Like President Carnot he is a civil engineer by profession.

August Fusa, the young Danish composer, who has been having a brilliant success in Berlin, is the son of a shoe-maker and was himself brought up to the bench. He has produced several works.

Senator Smith of New Jersey is nearly seven feet high and his gray hair is a fitting crown to the good-natured face beneath it.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

Man is, properly speaking, based upon hope; he has no other possession but hope; this world of his is emphatically the place of hope.—Carlyle.

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Fortune is ever seen accompanying industry, and is an often trundling a wheelbarrow as rolling in a coach and six.—Goldsmith.

My precept to all who build is that the owner should be an ornament to the house and not the house to the owner.—Cicero.

Faith doth not lie dead in the breast, but is lovely and fruitful in bringing forth good works.—Cranmer.

I have always been a quarter of an hour behind my time, and it has made a man of me.—Lord Nelson.

The lust of gold, unfeeling and remorseless, the last corruption of degenerate man.—Johnson.

Vanity, thou constant deceiver, how do all thy efforts to exalt serve but to sink us.—Goldsmith.

Negligence is the rust of the soul that sores through all her best resolutions.—Feltman.

When we destroy an old prejudice we have need of a new virtue.—Mme. de Staël.

Vanity is the quicksand of reason.—George Sand.

In idleness there is perpetual despair.—Carlyle.

## HIT AND MISS BRIEFS.

Robert E. Lee went from the command of the Confederate army to the presidency of Washington college. Academic shades ought to offer peculiarly grateful refreshment to the spirit weary of the glare of publicity. The number of men who have been school-masters and thereafter been great is amazingly large. The number of great men who have become teachers is increased by one, when ex-President Harrison lectures on law in the Stanford University.

The presence of the English flag flying above English guns in the harbor of Honolulu is a distinct intimation that there is no time to be lost in completing the annexation of Hawaii. The Hawaiian Islands would be of immense value to Great Britain, both as a coaling place for commerce and as a fortress from which she could threaten our Pacific coast as she threatens our Atlantic coast from Bermuda.—New York Press.

Mr. Cleveland has warned the office-seekers to go home and mind their own business, and that his eyes are exalted over their staid selfishness and petty strife. They hang round all the same, however, just as if they did not believe him; and he shakes hands with them by the hour.—Brooklyn Standard.

The farmers are still getting McKinley prices for wheat and paying McKinley prices for what they buy, but Mr. Cleveland will see about that as soon as he can get rid of the New York people who think they own him.—St. Louis Republic.

Gresham is the only mugwump in the cabinet, and he is only at the tailpipe stage, with doubts as to whether he will turn out a regular democrat frog or only a Cleveland free toad.—New York Mail.

If the address was "a piece of his mind," heaven help the country during the four years that Mr. Cleveland will be president!—New York Advertiser.

"The one duty now before the democrat party is to proceed cheerfully in the work of reforming the tariff.—Atlanta Constitution.

## ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

Waiter (mysteriously)—Send for a detective, quick!

Head Waiter—What's up?

"See that woman over there? She's a man in disguise."

"Pshaw! How d'ye know?"

"She ordered a regular square meal and gave me a tip."—New York Weekly.

Mrs. Flynn—Oh hear your daughter Rosie do be a foin dancer, Mrs. Mulligan.

Mrs. Mulligan—Indeed, Mrs. Flynn, ye heard the truth. Shure, the neighbors come from miles around to see me Rosie do the turpentine dance.—Harvard Lampoon.

Kindly Old Gent—Well, my little man, what would you like to be when you grow up?

Little Man—I'd like to be a nice old gentleman like you, with nothing to do but walk around and ask questions.—Street & Smith's Good News.

St. Peter—H'm, you can't come in here.

Reporter—Guess I can. (Shows badge.)

St. Peter—Not on that. That lets you inside the fire lines. This is the other place.—Brooklyn Life.

It is a little disconcerting to a man to carry a yowling, qualling baby around for half a night, then sit down and reflect that "of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

## Hiawatha Outdone.

To the high and mighty Capote of the Ottawa, the Chieftain, who has lodged at Grand Haven, collects wampan for the nation's good.

We send greeting, we send counsel, Counsel which we got from visions.

The Great Spirit showed unto us, With an order that we send it to the tall and swart Capote.

Telling him to take his long bow, Take his quiver and his arrows, Take his war paint and his feathers, And with his bow and arrows, his bow Journey outward from his wigwam To the city of Grand Rapids.

There you'll find a band of warriors Who have lately held a ghost dance, Held it in a mighty wigwam in the city of Detroit.

They it was who tried with "wah-wah" To melt the ice of the Capote; Tried to frighten him with war cries, To embarrass and chargin him In the pow-wow lately held in the "City of the Stars."

Then they made the night most hideous With their war dances and their whoopings, Then disturbed the swart Capote, And accused him from his slumbers, Made him join their totemous revel, Kept him with them until morning.

When you find them, mighty chieftain, It is then the Spirit bids you Take revenge for all their actions Aimed against the gallant Capote.

Make them weep from other motives Than the one which has aroused them, Take the choicest of your arrows, Those with shafts and barbs most perfect, Those best poised and finest feathered; See your bow is well in order, Keep your scaling knife and hatchet, Then make war upon the villains.

Do not pity, do not spare them; With their scalp locks fill your girdle; Burn their temples, smother their noses, Smother, smother, smother them; But should pity overcome you, 'Tis for the measure is finished, Should you do more it best to spare one From that mortal sin of bloodshed.

Then 'twere well to spare the young St. Peter, who is well in order, Keep your scaling knife and hatchet, Then make war upon the villains.

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St. Patrick's Day Proceedings for Next Friday.

## HIBERNIANS HAVE PREPARED

The Finest Local Celebration Grand Rapids Has Ever Seen—Program of the Parade and Addresses.

For a number of years the local society of the A. O. H. marked St. Patrick's day with festivities and rejoicing, but on this week's occasion each member is making an individual effort to make the celebration of Friday surpass all former ones. The committee has secured the Hon. W. J. Onahan for speaker for the evening. His subject is "Ireland; the Irish at Home and Abroad." Mrs. Katharine Walsh, Vernon is also on the program, and will recite "Kate Moloney," and W. D. Haley will sing some of his comic songs.

Altogether the day will be pleasantly spent by the A. O. H. and their friends. Ex-Alderman Doyle is marshal of the day and will form the procession on Ottawa and East Bridge streets, and move forward at 10 o'clock in the following order: Marshal and aides; carriage occupied by W. J. Onahan and other invited guests; Wursburg's uniformed band; color bearing; division officers and members of the order. It will pass through the following streets: Canal, Monroe, Fulton, Straight and West Bridge. The members will all wear uniforms or green sashes and are expected to present a very fine appearance.

## Evening Program.

The evening entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock sharp. The program is as follows:

Music

Address of welcome by President M. J. Byrne

Speech by John E. Doyle

Recitation.....Miss Sarah Delaney

Vocal Solo.....M. D. Haley

Instrumental.....Hon. William J. Onahan

Recitation.....Mrs. E. Hall, Mrs. F. McGowan, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. J. W. Schneider, Col. W. T. McLaughlin and John Schneider.

Recitation.....Katharine Walsh, Vernon

Vocal Solo.....W. D. Haley

Vocal Solo.....Miss Anna Kelly

## HOTEL CHATS.

"Old Tom Pepper, Lexington," was the thirst-inspiring inscription on the register of The Morton yesterday. The man that wrote the signature is Tom Pepper, manufacturer of Kentucky's celebrated Blue Grass liquor. And the colonel is a typical Kentucky colonel, too. He's a connoisseur of the Blue Grass state's three great products—whisky, fast horses and pretty women.

"Kentucky is a great state," said the colonel last night as he adjusted his silk tie. "No greater state in the union, be it said, sir, that old Kentucky. We make the best whisky that the mouth of man ever watered. Total abstinence is a vice—damne if it isn't—in the presence of such whisky as we do make. It's no horse—nothing slow about the crack-jacks they breed down our way. No matter whether it's a run or a trot you'll find old Kentucky progeny under the wire as soon as any of 'em. Occasionally they make horses that can beat out, but when you find one like that, it's a wonder. It does anything we want the tax reduced. There is one measure that we are anxious for, however. That is an unlimited bonding act. Three years is too short a time for good whisky to ripen. We would like to see the law amended so that we can take our whisky out of bond whenever we wish."

"A man learns to study veneers as he would tagaries," said John B. Beck with of New York in Sweet's last night. "He watches for the delicate tracings in the design of the wood and the exquisite effects in the graining. When you know how to appreciate it there is nothing more beautiful than a piece of veneer. It has a texture, and it is like a piece of silk or satin, and the grain is as delicate and pretty as a piece of Venetian lace. Take mahogany for instance. No two pieces of mahogany are exactly alike. The light and shade effects vary the dark grain and the light grain. Find a new process of blending in very pieces of the wood. A man learns to watch for the effects, and he never gets tired of looking at his samples. That's one way I have of amusing myself. Grand Rapids is full of men that appreciate the beauty of veneers. I know a man here who takes a keen delight in looking at veneer samples just for the sake of looking at them. They are excellent judges of the effect that a certain wood will produce in a piece of furniture, and this has had a great deal to do with the artistic things that the city has produced. Grand Rapids manufacturers have educated the country to appreciate beautiful furniture."

"Remarkable how this state has developed, isn't it?" said C. J. Starnes of Philadelphia in The Morton yesterday. "I used to sell goods in Michigan twenty-three years ago. Even then the blomed state was half a wilderness. From Grand Rapids to Cadillac was the most God-forsaken bit of territory I ever saw. The pine had been cut off. Fire had run through the brush, and the whole northwestern part of the state was a panorama of blackened stumps and fire-killed pine trees. I never saw such hopeless desolation. It was as if it would be impossible for the country ever to be cleared up, and I never supposed anything could be raised on it. Now there are hundreds of pretty and profitable farms—all carved out of that desert of devastation. It's wonderful what persistent effort has done for western and northern Michigan."

Dr. Donald MacLean of Detroit, the famous surgeon formerly connected with the medical department of the university, was guest at The Morton yesterday. He was in the city to attend Dr. Shepherd's funeral and also to consult with Dr. Graves in regard to some surgical cases.

"Grand river is about fifteen feet above low water mark at our place," said A. W. Hunter of Lowell in The New Advertiser last night. "It runs two or three inches higher, and is becoming a little too high for comfort. Three or four feet more will flood us, and if they have a big freeze up the river we are liable to be washed out when it breaks. We expect trouble at the Lowell and Hastings bridge, anyway. The ice in the river has not broken yet. It floats on the surface of the water and keeps getting closer to the top of the banks all the time. There are excellent prospects this year for the Grand to go on one of the greatest rampages it has ever attempted."

NEW LEAVENWORTH.—S. D. Thompson and wife, Newaygo; D. J. Wallace, Sparta; L. V. Davis, Fremont; George P. Hamner, Holland; J. J. Williams and wife, L. C. Torrey, Field; Mrs. A. Vander Voort, Mrs. W. C. Baker, Jr., Grand Haven.

KENT.—F. D. Jacobs, Paw Paw; J. C. Neuman and wife, Cassopolis; M. Davis, Manistee; John West, Peckville; Nelson Doty, Grand Lodge; J. R. Shufeldham, Chelsoygon.